THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Silt erosion poses a serious problem for hydro power stations especially in the Himalayan region.

(b) BHEL has reported that they have successfully developed the High Velocity Oxy Fuel (HVOF) thermal spray process. The process developed after experimentation in the laboratory has been tested at hydro power stations (Bairasiul, Shanan) where the results have been satisfactory.

(c) Project authorities have approached BHEL for gathering further details of this process.

BPL households covered under KJP in A.P.

2493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the BPL households in rural and semi urban areas of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under Kutir Jyoti Programme (KJP);

(b) if not, the number of households which are yet to be covered under KJP, district-wise; and

(c) by when, all these households are likely to be covered under KJP in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (APTRANSCO), there are 20,07,976 households yet to be electrified under Kutir Jyoti Programme (KJP) as on 31.03.2003.

(c) Andhra Pradesh has programmed to electrify all the BPL households in next ten years under KJP.